

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form**  
**U.S. 301 South Corridor Transportation Study**

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name:** (indicate preferred name)

historic William Marshall Property I

and/or common Terry Property

**2. Location:**

street & number 4480 Middletown Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Pomfret ☒ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Charles

**3. Classification:**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> education <input type="checkbox"/> private
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation <input type="checkbox"/> vacant

**4. Owner of Property:** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Doris Marshall Terry

street &amp; number 7295 Cone Shell Drive

telephone no.:

city, town Spring Hill

state and zip code Florida 34607

**5. Location of Legal Description**

Land Records Office of Charles County

liber 2087

street &amp; number 101 Catalpa Drive

folio 152

city, town La Plata

state MD

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title N/A

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository/survey records

city, town

state

## 7. Description

Survey No.: CH-233 (PACS B11)

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 4

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The William Marshall Property I is a 1-story, 3-bay side-gable cottage on the east side of Middletown Road in the vicinity of Pomfret, Charles County. Constructed circa 1910, the cottage has a projecting entry porch on the front elevation and a partially enclosed porch on the rear elevation. The cottage is vacant and in poor condition.

The structure has a metal roof and is of wood-frame construction with wood clapboard siding. The cottage has a concrete block foundation. The windows are 2/2 double-hung wood on the east, or front elevation, and 6/6 double-hung wood windows on the rear elevation. There are three wood doors, one on the east elevation, one on the west elevation, and one in the enclosed part of the porch. Part of the porch is sheathed in plywood. There is no fenestration on the north or south elevations.

There are three outbuildings associated with this property. The first outbuilding is a shed with an asphalt shingle shed roof. Constructed circa 1970, the shed is of wood-frame construction and is located southeast of the cottage.

The second outbuilding is a shed similar to the first shed. This shed is located southeast of the cottage and west of the first outbuilding.

The third outbuilding is a shed with an asphalt shingle, front-gable roof. Constructed circa 1980, the shed is of wood-frame construction and is located southeast of the cottage and west of the other two sheds.

The property is located on the east side of Middletown Road, approximately 0.2 kilometers  $\frac{3}{8}$  mile north of Marshall Corner Road. The cottage is located in a clearing with woods on all sides. The site slopes gradually up to the southeast from Middletown Road. The property's setting is a rural area of woods, small cottages, and ranch houses.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
prehistoric	__archaeology-prehistoric	__Community planning	__landscape architecture	__religion
__1400-1499	__archeology-historic	__conservation	__law	__science
__1500-1599	__agriculture	__economics	__literature	__sculpture
__1600-1699	__architecture	__education	__military	__social/
__1700-1799	__art	__engineering	__music	humanitarian
__1800-1899	__commerce	__exploration/settlement	__philosophy	__theater
x 1900-	__communication	__industry	__politics/government	__transportation
		__invention		__other:

Specific dates circa 1910	Builder/Architect
1910-1911	John A. ...
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check:      Applicable Criteria:    \_\_\_A   \_\_\_B   \_\_\_C   \_\_\_D  
                 and/or  
Applicable Exceptions:    \_\_\_A   \_\_\_B   \_\_\_C   \_\_\_D   \_\_\_E   \_\_\_F   \_\_\_G  
  
Level of Significance:    \_\_\_national            \_\_\_state       \_\_\_local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The William Marshall Property I was originally situated on a 28.32 hectare (70 acre) lot purchased in 1909. A house was constructed on the land circa 1910. Henry A. Marshall acquired 4.85 hectares (12 acres) of this parcel through the division of the estate of William Henry Marshall in 1955. Henry A. Marshall and his wife, Rose Ella Marshall, deeded the premises and 1.61 hectares (4 acres) of land to their daughter in 1962. Doris Marshall Terry continues to own the property. There are no detailed, published historic maps or atlases of Charles County, Maryland which locate and indicate ownership of buildings.

The William Marshall Property I is a side-gable cottage. Between 1870 and 1940 the vernacular cottage style was typically built for Americans of modest means. They are characterized by simple ornamentation and mass-produced components, such as door frames, moldings, sash and window units, and porch decoration. The development of post-Civil War machinery capable of producing large amounts of standardized housing elements, such as those found in cottages, contributed greatly to the development of the modern American housing industry. Designs for vernacular cottages were obtained from popular magazines, such as House Beautiful, or carpenter's and builder's journals, such as American Builder. A variety of front-gable, side-gable, cross-gable and hipped roof frame cottages were developed in the early to mid-twentieth century. Front-gable and hipped roof cottages are primarily one to one-and-a-half-stories tall, 3-bays wide and several rooms deep. Side-gable and cross-gable structures are usually two to two-and-a-half-stories tall (although some, like the William Marshall Property I, are 1-story), are typically 2- to 3-bays in width and vary from one to three rooms deep. They usually include a porch covered with a shed roof. Porches are supported by posts often containing machine-produced Victorian ornamentation. Some cottages feature ornamentation drawn from Craftsman style or Colonial Revival architecture (Gottfried and Jennings 1988, viii-xv).

The William Marshall Property I is located in Charles County in southern Maryland. The Native American inhabitants of southern Maryland from the Piscataway and Potobac nations were joined by European settlers beginning in 1634 with the establishment of St. Mary's City by Leonard Calvert. Successive waves of colonists took up tracts of land further inland from the Chesapeake Bay along the Patuxent and Potomac rivers and their tributaries. Charles County was formed in 1658 and Prince George's County was established in 1696. Settlement was confined to inland areas until road clearing began in the mid-eighteenth century as a result of the establishment of port towns and Maryland's rising population. Tobacco cultivation dominated the economic and social

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## 8. Significance (Continued)

life of both Charles and Prince George's counties until the mid-nineteenth century when soil exhaustion necessitated agricultural diversification. The introduction of rail lines in 1873 linked Prince George's and Charles counties with the surrounding area, encouraging trade and settlement. While the suburbanization of Prince George's and Charles counties was ensured by the widespread availability of the automobile in the mid-twentieth century, these southern Maryland counties have also retained their rural and agricultural character.

### NATIONAL REGISTER EVALUATION:

The William Marshall Property I, constructed circa 1910, is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C; the cottage is an undistinctive example of a building type common in the area. In addition, the cottage is vacant, in poor condition, and has an area of plywood sheathing, which is an architectural element out of character with the original design. Finally the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, does not meet Criterion D.

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Eligibility Recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility Not Recommended   X  

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Reviewer, OPS: Suzanne Pickens

Date: 07/21/1997

Reviewer, NR Program: Pickens

Date: 4/4/01

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No.: CH-233 (PACS B11)

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See Continuation Sheet

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name La Plata, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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state Maryland

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
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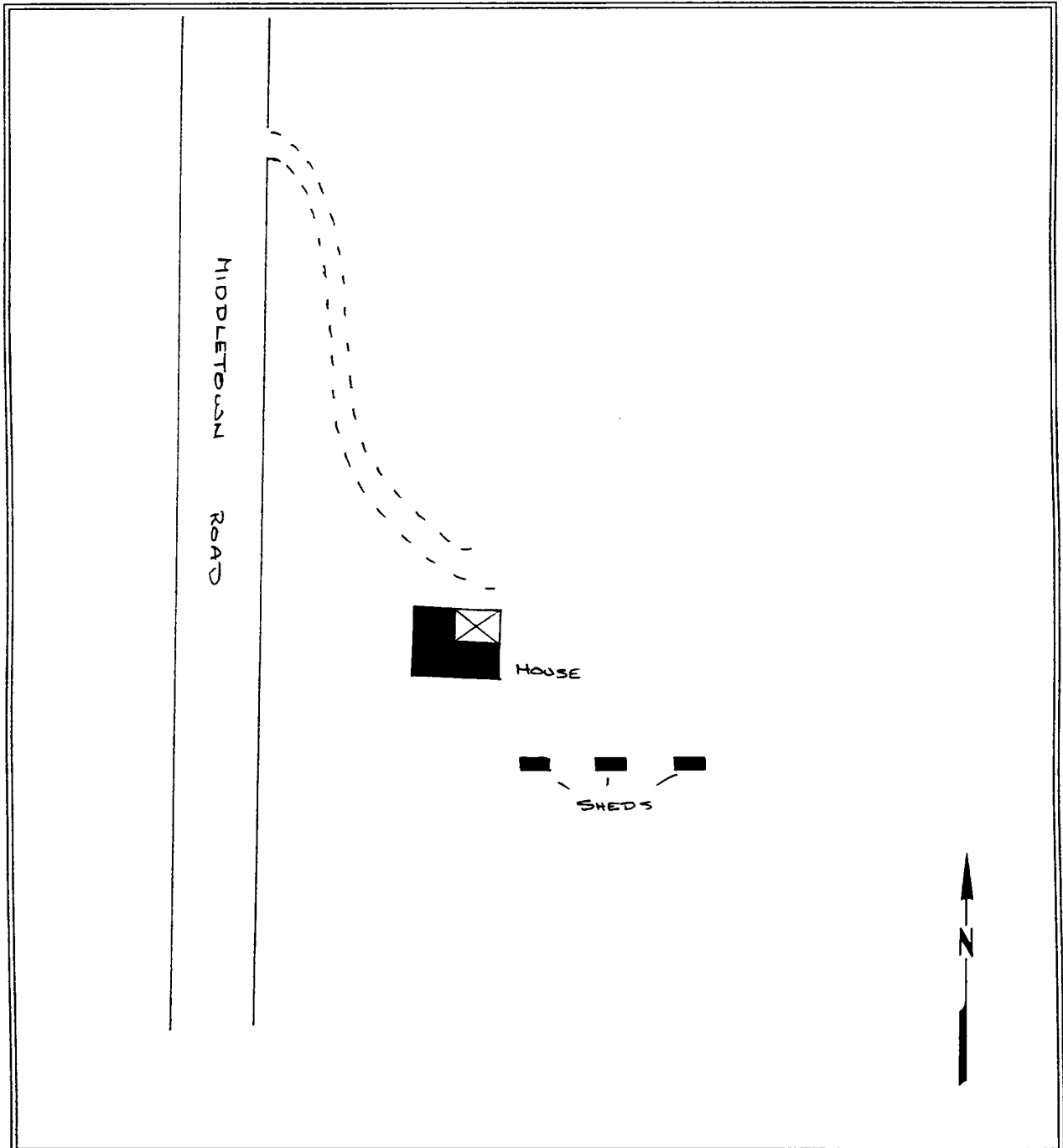
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10. Geographical Data (Continued)

Resource Sketch Map:



**Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet**

William Marshall Property I; CH-233 (PACS B11)  
4480 Middletown Road, vicinity of Pomfret, Charles County

**Historic Context:**

**MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

**Geographic Organization:**

Western Shore

**Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):**

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

**Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):**

Architecture, and Community Planning

**RESOURCE TYPE:**

**Category (see Section 3 of survey form):**

Building; Private Ownership; Public Acquisition - Not  
applicable; Unoccupied; Not accessible; Vacant

**Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):**

Rural

**Historic Function(s) and Use(s):**

Residence

**Known Design Source (write none if unknown):**

None



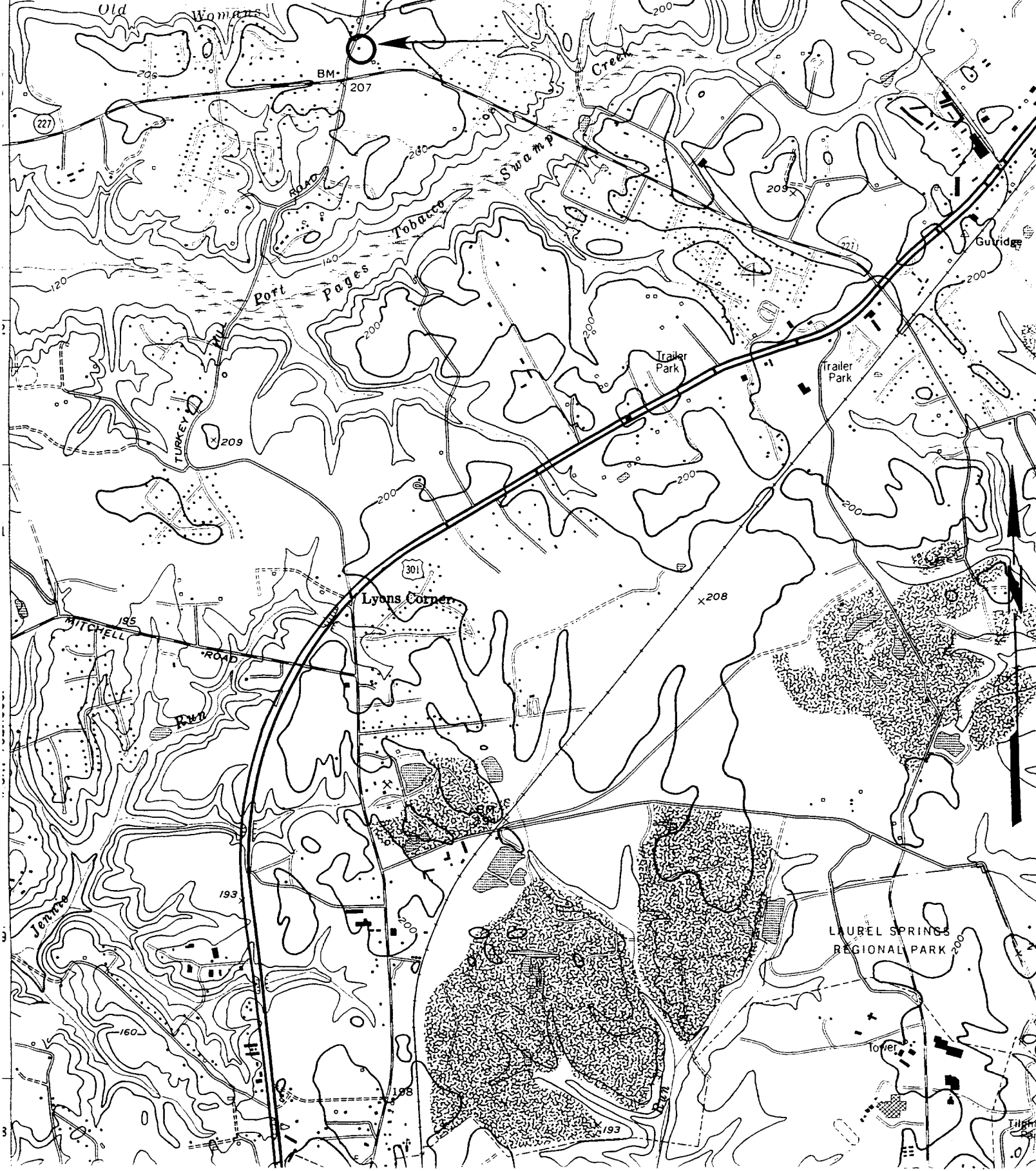
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